

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 3, first full paragraph:

To remove the deposit accumulated on the surface of the cooling roll, there are known (1) a method in which a non-contact portion between the surface of a cooling roll and a polyester sheet is always cleaned by water or a solvent, and the water or solvent is dried and sucked to be removed as disclosed by JP-B 47-3917 and JP-B 48-4465 (the term “JP-B” as used herein means an “examined Japanese patent publication”), (2) a method in which the surface of a cooling roll is subjected to a corona treatment as disclosed by JP-A 57-5146226 and (3) a method in which a deposit is decomposed and removed by irradiating the surface of a cooling roll with ultraviolet radiation as disclosed by JP-B 3-65775.

Page 16, third full paragraph

The biaxial orientation in the present invention is sequential biaxial orientation that an unstretched sheet is preheated and stretched in a longitudinal direction and then in a transverse direction, or simultaneous biaxial orientation that an unstretched sheet is stretched in longitudinal and transverse directions simultaneously. Particularly in the case of sequential biaxial orientation, various known stretching methods, for example, a stretching method proposed by JP-A 54-8672 and JP-A ~~54-86725~~-177702 may be advantageously employed. For example, an unstretched sheet is heated and stretched in a longitudinal direction repeatedly at multiple

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sections to a total draw ratio of 2 to 10 times and then in a transverse direction to a total draw ratio of 2 to 10 times during the step of stretching in the longitudinal direction at multiple sections and/or after the step of stretching in the longitudinal direction to achieve a total draw ratio in the both directions of 4 to 50 times, preferably 9 to 40 times, particularly preferably 12 to 30 times.